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is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/451,322, filed December 15, 1989, now U.S. Patent 5,227,614, issued July 13, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/143,921, filed January 14, 1988, now abandoned. --

Page 8, lines 7-16, please delete the entire paragraph.

Page 13, line 19, to page 14, line 11, please delete the subject matter reading:

"In accordance with ...and the laser scanner."

Page 14, line 15, through page 17, line 8, please delete all of the subject matter.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, without prejudice or disclaimer, in order to expedite prosecution

Please add the following claims:

--11. A data processing system comprising:

- (a) a data processing assembly including an interface unit, and
- (b) a detachable reader unit detachably assembled with said interface unit,
- (c) said detachable reader unit comprising a non-contact data reader reading data disposed in non-contacting relationship to said reader unit.--

--12. A data processing system according to claim 11, wherein said interface unit comprises a display and manual data input.--

--13. A data processing system according to claim 11, wherein said non-contact indicia reader comprises an optical indicia reader.--

--14. A data processing system comprising a data processing assembly including

- (a) a base unit having a recess, and